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IIDA ANNOUNCES TABANLIOGLU ARCHITECTS AS THE ALA/IIDA LIBRARY INTERIOR DESIGN AWARDS BEST OF COMPETITION WINNER

CHICAGO, IL – IIDA and the American Library Association (ALA) are pleased to honor Tabanlioglu Architects as the Best of Competition winner of the 2018 Library Interior Design Awards for the restoration of the Beyazit State Library in Istanbul, Turkey. The biennial Library Interior Design Awards recognize international excellence in library design, aesthetics, creativity, and function.

“For centuries, libraries have served as the homes for our history, preserving the past while helping us to prepare for the future,” said IIDA Executive Vice President and CEO, Cheryl S. Durst, Hon. FIIDA. “Simple, elegant, and authentic, the restoration of the Beyazit State Library seamlessly melds historic with contemporary, striking a balance between old and new.”

Entries were judged by a jury of design professionals, including Stasia Czech Suleiman, IIDA, NCIDQ, vice president and senior project interior designer, HOK; Jessica N. Kayongo, J.D., M.A., sociology librarian, Hesburgh Libraries, University of Notre Dame; Jeannette Lenea Peruchini, IIDA, associate director and interior practice leader, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP; and Mindy Sorg, IIDA, NCIDQ, RID, associate and senior interior designer, OPN Architects.

“The glass roof over the church at the Beyazit State Library is fascinating and unique,” said Sorg, on behalf of the jury. “The reading room boasts beautiful ceilings and arches, and the dramatic use of lighting in the entire space elevates the project in a way that is both thoughtful and innovative. The design concept was well executed, and the end result is timeless.”

The Best of Competition winner was announced on Saturday, June 23, during the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. Images of the winning project are featured on the IIDA website and will be published in Contract and American Libraries magazines.

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